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Coccidian Parasites (Apicomplexa) in Selected Species of Snakes in Saudi Arabia

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قائمة بالمختصرات المستخدمة في الصور

List of abbreviations used in figures

DME	:	Developing merozoite
HN	:	Host- cell nucleus
INW	:	Inner wall
MC	:	Micropyle cap
ME	:	Merozoite (s)
MG	:	Microgamete (s)
MMA	:	Mature macrogamete
MMI	:	Mature microgamete
MS	:	Mature schizont
N	:	Parasite nucleus
OUW	:	Outer wall
OW	;	Oocyst wall
PG	:	Polar granule
PS	:	Polynucleated schizont
PMA	:	Premature macrogamont
PMI	:	Premature microgamont
PV	:	Parasitophorous vacuole
RB	:	Refractile body
SB	:	Stieda body
SP	:	Sporozoite
SPL	:	Sporoplast
SR	:	Sporocyst residuum
SW	:	Sporocyst wall
SSB	:	Substieda body
T	:	Trophozoite
YMA	:	Young macrogamont
YMI	:	Young microgamont
YO	:	Young oocyst
YS	:	Young schizont

المقدمة والدراسات السابقة

Introduction and Review of literature

(Coccidia)

Phylum: Apicomplexa

(Mammals)

(Cosmopolitan)

(Aves)

(Amphibians)

(Reptiles)

. (Human)

(Fishes)

(Smetana, 1933 ; Christensen,1941 ; Carvalho ,1943 ;Landers ,1952 ;
Andrews and Spindler ,1952 ; Davies,1956,1957 ; Tomimura ,1957 ;
Bray ,1960 ,1964 ; Vetterling,1965; Long,1967 ; Levine,1973 ;Beaver
et al., 1979 ; Beaver & Maleckar ,1981; Upton & Barnard ,1988 ;
Upton & McAllister , 1988, 1990 ; Modry *et al.*, 1999).

(Coccidia)

(Apical complex)

(Polar rings)

(Subpellicular microtubules)

(Conoid)

(Micronemes)

(Rhoptries)

(Coccidia)

(Micropores)

(Intracellular)

(Intermediate host)

(Final host)

(Zygote)

(Macrogamets)

(Microgamets)

(Gametogamy)

(Syngamy)

(More than one host)

(One host)

(Schmidt & Roberts,1985)

(Alternation of generation)

(Asexual)

(Gamogony)

(Sexual)

(Agamogony)

-: Three- Phases

Schizogony

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(Intermediate host)

(Final host)

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Gamogony

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(Invertebrate host)

(Final host)

. (Vector)

Sporogony

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(Final host)

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Subclass: Coccidia

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Genus: *Caryospora* (Leger, 1904)

Genus: *Eimeria* (Schneider, 1875)

Genus: *Sarcocystis* (Lankester, 1882)

(Coccidia)

(Higher taxa)

(Lower taxa)

(Species)

(Genus)

(Life cycle)

(Honigberg, 1964 and Levine, 1970)

(Society of Protozoologists)

. (Levine,1982 and Mehlhorn,2001)

Caryospora (Leger,1904)

(Sporulated oocyst)

(1-Sporocyst)

(8- Sporozoites)

(Soulsby,1982(

(One host)

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. (Gamogony)

(Agamogony)

المتبوغية

Eimeria (Schneider, 1875)

،(4-Sporocysts)

(Sporulated oocyst)

(2-Sporozoites)

(One host)

،(Soulsby,1982(

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(Agamogony)

. (Gamogony)

Sarcocystis (Lankester, 1882)

(2-Sporocysts)

(Sporulated oocyst)

(4- Sporozoites)

(Two hosts at least)

(Odening, 1998) (Carnivorous)

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(Agamogony)

. (Gamogony)

Sarcocystis (Lankester, 1882) *Caryospora* (Leger, 1904)

Eimeria (Schneider, 1875)

(Amoudi, 1987, 1990; Alyousif and Al-Shawa, 1998c, 1999).

(Kasim and Al-Shawa,1985a, 1985b, 1985c, 1987, 1988b; Kasim *et al.*, 1985,1991;.Alyousif,1999a,1999b; Alyousif and Al-Shawa, 1998b, 1999, 2001, 2002; Alyousif *et al.*,1992,1998;).

(Kasim and Al-Shawa, 1988a ; Amoudi , 1990 ; Alyousif and Al-Shawa, 1997, 1998a ; Alyousif *et al .*, 1997 ; Al-Rashied and Alyousif , 1998 ; Al-Sadoon and El-Bahrawy,1998 ; Alyousif and Al-Rashied, 2001).

(Al-Sadoon *et al.*,1999)

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(Gamogony)

(Agamogony)

Caryospora

(Leger, 1904, 1911; Hoare, 1933; Matubayasi, 1936, 1937; Carini, 1939; Bray, 1960, 1964; Mandal, 1976; Matuschka, 1982, 1984a,b, 1986a,b; Lindsay *et al.*, 1988; Upton *et al.*, 1992, 1994; Telford, 1997; Modry and Koudela, 1994, 1997, 1998; Modry *et al.*, 1999).

Eimeria

(Chatton, 1912; Phisalix, 1921; Pinto, 1928; Fantham, 1932; Fantham and Porter, 1950, 1954; Carini, 1934; Prasad, 1963; Vetterling and Widmar, 1968; Lainson & Shaw, 1973; Wacha and Christianson, 1974; Duszynski *et al.*, 1977; McAllister and Upton, 1989; McAllister *et al.*, 1990; Upton *et al.*, 1992, 1995).

Sarcocystis

(Zaman and Colly,1975; Bledsoe,1980; Beaver and Maleckar,1981; Entzeroth *et al.*,1983; Matuschka and Häfnar,1984; Häfnar and Matuschka,1984 ; Matuschka *et al.*,1987 a,b ; Abdel-Ghaffar *et al.*, 1990; Jakel,1995).

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. (Gasperetti,1988)

(Prevalence)

Sarcocystis (Lankester, 1882) *Caryospora* (Leger, 1904)

Eimeria (Schneider, 1875)

الأدوات والطرق
Materials and Methods

-: Experimental Animals

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(Gasperetti,1988; Al-Sadoon,1989)

Family : Viperidae (oppel, 1811) : -

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(Broadley,1983)

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Cerastes cerastes gasperetti (Levtion&Anderson, 1967) -

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(Levtion & Anderson, 1967 ; Gasperetti, 1988)

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Bitis arietans arietans (Merrem, 1820) -

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. (Gasperetti, 1988)

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Echis carinatus carinatus (Shinder 1801) -

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Echis coloratus (Gunther, 1878) -

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. () (Gasperetti,1988)

Family: Elapidae (Baie 1827) : -

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(Pitman, 1974 ; Broadley, 1983)

. (Gasperetti, 1988)

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Naji haji arabica (Scortecci, 1932) -

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. () (Gasperetti, 1988

Walterinnesia aegyptia (Lastaste , 1887)

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(Gasperetti, 1976,1988

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Family : Colubridae (oppel, 1881)

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(Gasperetti, 1988)

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.(Gasperetti, 1988)

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Lytorhynchus diadema (Dumeril, Bibron&Dumeril,1854)

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. () (Levtion & Anderson, 1970 ; Gasperetti, 1988)

Spalerosophis diadema cliffordi (Schlegel, 1837)

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. () (Gasperetti, 1988

Psammophis schokari schokari (Forskal, 1775) -

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Malplon moilensis (Reuss, 1834) -

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Family: Boidae (Gray, 1825) : -

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(Gasperetti, 1988) -

Eryx jayakari

Eryx jaculus jaculus

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Eryx jayakari (Boulenger, 1888) -

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Class	Order	Sub order	Family	Genus	Species	Subspecies
Reptilia	Squamata	Ophidia	Viperidae	<i>Cerastes</i>	<i>cerastes</i>	<i>gasperetti</i>
				<i>Bitis</i>	<i>arietans</i>	<i>arietans</i>
				<i>Echis</i>	<i>carinatus</i>	<i>carinatus</i>
				<i>Echis</i>	<i>coloratus</i>	
			Elapidae	<i>Naji</i>	<i>haji</i>	<i>arabica</i>
				<i>Walterinnesia</i>	<i>aegyptia</i>	
			Clubridae	<i>Lytorhynchus</i>	<i>diadema</i>	
				<i>Spalerosophis</i>	<i>diadema</i>	<i>cliffordi</i>
				<i>Psammophis</i>	<i>schokari</i>	<i>schokari</i>
				<i>Malplon</i>	<i>moilensis</i>	
			Boidae	<i>Eryx</i>	<i>jayakari</i>	

Cerastes cerastes gasperetti

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. Family : Viperidae

Bitis arietans arietans

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.(Gasperetti, 1988)

Family : Viperidae

Echis carinatus carinatus

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Family : Viperidae

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Echis coloratus : ()
Family: Viperidae
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Naji haji Arabica : ()
Family: Elapidae
.(Gasperetti, 1988)

Walterinnesia aegyptia : ()
(Gasperetti, 1988) Family: Elapidae



Lytorhynchus diadema : ()
Family : Colubridae

Spalerosophis diadema cliffordi : ()
Family : Colubridae

Psammophis schokari schokari

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Malplon moilensis

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Family : Colubridae

Eryx jayakari : ()
(Gasperetti, 1988) Family: Boidae



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(Dibutyle Phthalate)

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الشكل (١٢) : صورة فوتوغرافية لصندوق أستخدم كبيئة اصطناعية للشعابين أثناء فترة الدراسة البحثية.

-: The Methods

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(Upton *et al.*, 1991) , ($\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$)

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(Sporulation Time)

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(Soulsby,1982)

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() (Unsporulated oocysts)

(Sporulated oocysts)

(Vario Othomot 2)

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(Anesthesia)

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(Autolysis)

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(Fixative)

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-: Histological Preparation

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Fixative

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Washing

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Dehydration

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(Paraffin wax)

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Embedding

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(Specimen's holder)

(Rotatory Microtome)

(Sectioning)

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(Paraffin section)

(Mayer albumen)

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(Hot Plate)

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Staining -

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(Hydration) (

(Haematoxylin in Harris Solution)

(Staining)

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(Slip-Cover)

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Solution	Time
Xylene I	3 min .
Xylene II	2 min .
100 % alc.	2 min.
90 % alc.	2 min.
70 % alc.	2 min.
50 % alc.	2 min
Distal water	2 min
Harris Haemtoxylin	5 min
Tap Water	3 min
Acidic Alcohol (1 % HCL in 70 % alc.)	15 sec
Tap Water	1 min
Alkaline water (1% NaOH)	2 min
Tap Water	2 min
Esoin	3 min
Tap Water	2 min
90 % alc.	1 sec.
95 % alc.	2 sec.
100 % alc.	2 sec.
Xylene I	2 min
Xylene II	2 min

Mount in D.P.X

النتائج The Results

-: (Three Different Genera)

Genus: *Caryospora* (Leger, 1904)

Genus: *Sarcocystis* (Lankester, 1882)

Genus: *Eimeria* (Schneider, 1875)

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Cerastes cerastes gasperetti -

Bitis arietans arietans -

Echis carinatus carinatus -

Naji haji arabica -

Psammophis schokrari schokrari -

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Echis coloratus -

Walterinnesia aegyptia -

Lytorhynchus diadema -

Malplon moilensis -

Eryx jayakari -

Spalerosophis diadema cliffordi -

Cerastes cerastes gasperetti

Sarcocystis Eimeria

Caryospora

Bitis arietans arietans

Eimeria

Sarcocystis

Echis carinatus carinatus

Caryospora

Caryospora

Eimeria

Naja haje arabica

Sarcocystis

Caryospora

Eimeria Sarcocystis

Psammophis schokari schokari

Eimeria

Caryospora

. () *Sarcocystis*

جدول رقم (٤) يوضح أنواع الثعابين المصابة وغير المصابة ومعدل إصابتها بأجناس مختلفة من الكوكسيديا الأولية في المملكة العربية السعودية

Family	Scientific name	No. of snakes examined	No. of snakes Infected			Rate of Infection		
			<i>Caryospora</i>	<i>Sarcocystis</i>	<i>Eimeria</i>	<i>Caryospora</i>	<i>Sarcocystis</i>	<i>Eimeria</i>
Viperidae	<i>Cerastes cerastes gasperetti</i>	36	-	7	4	0	19%	11%
	<i>Bitis arietans arietans</i>	11	-	2	-	0	18%	0
	<i>Echis carinatus carinatus</i>	13	1	-	-	8%	0	0
	<i>Echis coloratus</i>	33	-	-	-	0	0	0
Colubridae	<i>Lytrohynchus diadema</i>	19	-	-	-	0	0	0
	<i>Spalerosophis diadema cliffordi</i>	16	-	-	-	0	0	0
	<i>Psammophis schokari schokari</i>	17	1	-	-	6%	0	0
	<i>Molplon moilensis</i>	14	-	-	-	0	0	0
Elapidae	<i>Walterinnesia aegyptia</i>	17	-	-	-	0	0	0
	<i>Naji haji arabica</i>	10	2	-	-	20%	0	0
Boidae	<i>Eryx jayakari</i>	15	-	-	-	0	0	0

Descriptive study of Coccidial species

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Caryospora maxima (Modry et al.,1999) -

Caryospora schokariensis sp.n. -

Caryospora cobrae (Nandi, 1985) -

Eimeria gasperetti sp.n. -

Sarcocystis sp. I -

Sarcocystis sp. 11 -

-:

Genus: *Caryospora* (Leger, 1904)

Genus: *Eimeria* (Schneider, 1875)

Genus: *Sarcocystis* (Lankester, 1882)

(Unsporulated oocysts)

(Sporozoite)

(Sporulated oocysts)

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Caryospora (Leger, 1904) -

Caryospora

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Psammophis schokari

Caryospora maxima

schokari

(Modry *et al.*,1999)

sp.n.

Caryospora schokariensis

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Caryospora maxima

Echis carinatus carinatus

Naji haji arabica

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Caryospora cobrae

(Nandi,1985)

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Description Of Unsporulated Oocysts وصف الحويصلات البيضوية غير المتبوعة

(Redescription)

Caryospora maxima (Unsporulated oocysts)

(Modry et al.,1999)

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Caryospora maxima (Unsporulated oocysts)

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(Unsporulated oocysts)

(Spherical to subspherical)

(µm) , (Smooth bilayered)

Inner (Outer wall)

() (wall)

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, (Shape index)

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(Oocyst residuum)

Polar)

(Micropyle)

(granule

Description Of Sporulated Oocysts وصف الحويصلات البيضوية المتبوعة

(Sporulated oocyst(

(1-Sporocyst)

Smooth unilayered

(Ellipsoidal-shape)

(Sporocysts)

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(wall)

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(Stieda and substieda bodies)

. (8-Sporozoites)

Description Of Sporozoites (الابواغ)

(Elongate-shape)

(Sporozoites)

(Sporocyst residuum)

(Refractile) ()

. body

Sporulation Time زمن التبوغ

(Sporozoites)

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, (K₂Cr₂O₇)

Caryospora maxima

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مكان الإصابة والأضرار Site Of Infection And Pathogenicity

(Endothelial cells of Intestinal tissues)

endogenous stages)

(Life cycle)

(Different

) (Trophozoites)

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(Host cells)

(Schizogony)

() (Multinuclear schizont)

(Sporozoites)

(Merozoites)

(Parasitophorous vacuole)

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(Merozoites)

(Merozoites)

(Macrogamonts)

(Macrogametes)

(Microgamonts)

(Microgametes)

(Zygotes)

(Unsporulated oocyst)

Mature)

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() (microgamont

(Microgametes)

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(Young macrogamont)

(Mature macrogamete)

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(Young oocyst)

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(Spherical to subspherical)

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maxima (Sporulated oocysts)

Caryospora

.(X1000) *Psammophis schokari schokari*

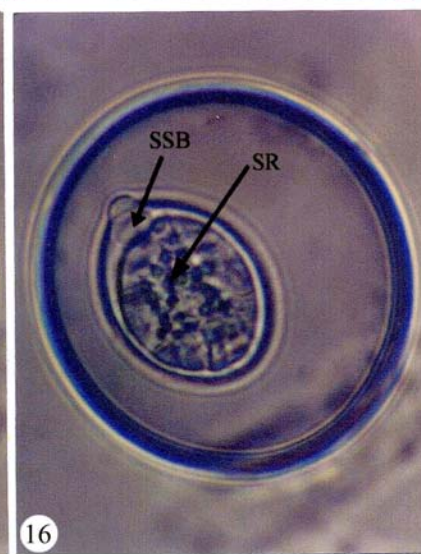
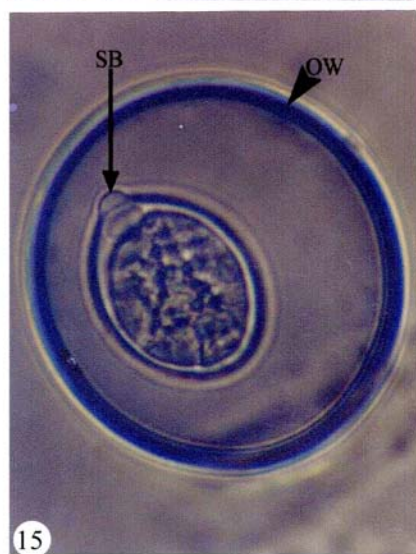
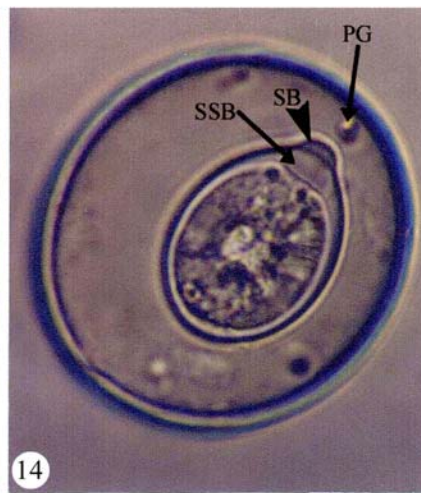
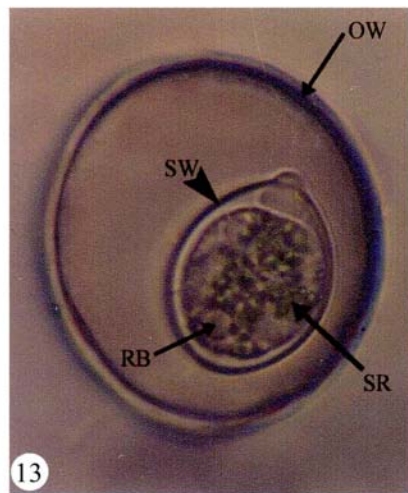
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maxima (Sporulated oocysts)

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Caryospora

.(X1000) *carinatus carinatus*



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Psammophis schokari schokari

.Caryospora maxima

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(Polynucleated schizont)

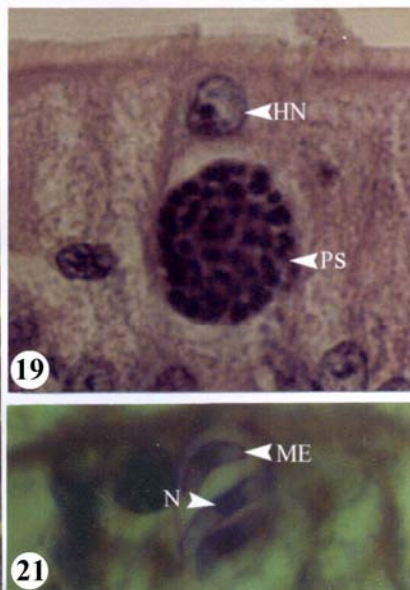
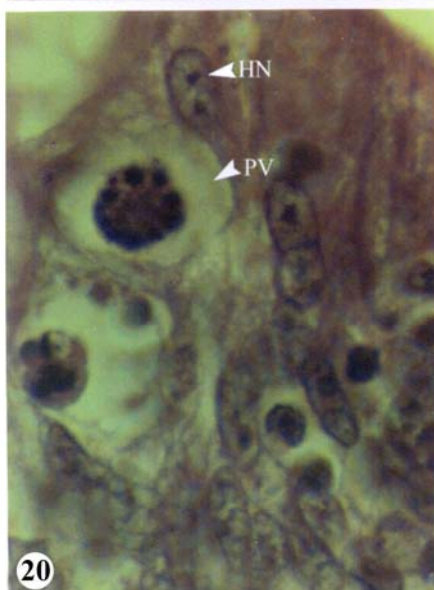
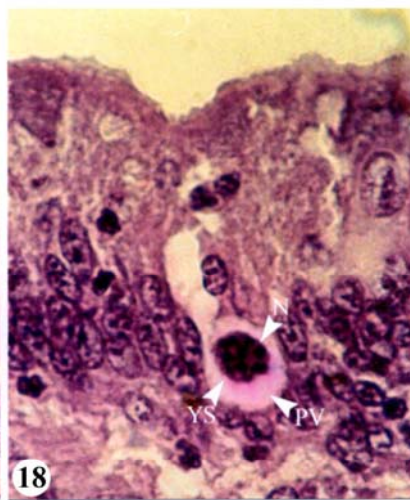
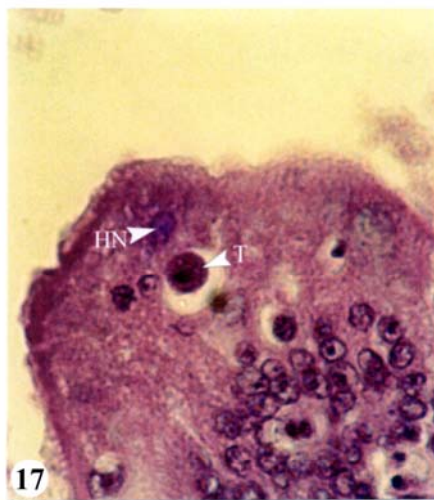
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(Young macrogamont)

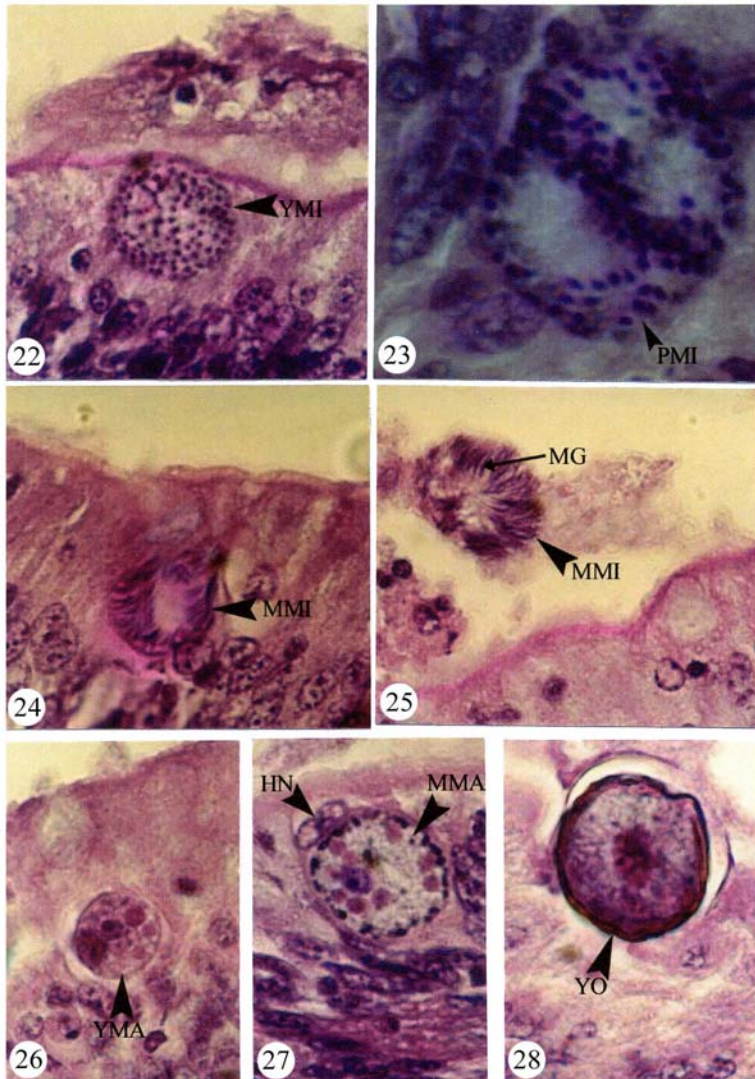
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(X1200) .

(Mature macrogamete)

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(X800) .(Young oocyst)



schokariensis sp.n. -

Caryospora

Description Of Unsporulated Oocysts وصف الحويصلات البيضية غير المتبوعة

(Unsporulated oocysts)

(Unsporulated oocysts)

(Elongate- ellipsoidal shape)

(Smooth bilayered)

(Inner wall)

(Outer wall)

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. , (Shape index)

(Oocyst residuum)

. () (Micropyle)

Description Of Sporulated Oocysts وصف الحويصلات البيضوية المتبوعة

(Sporulated oocyst)

Ovoidal-)

(1-Sporocyst)

(Smooth unilayered wall)

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(Sporocysts)

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(Stieda

body)

. (Substieda body)

. () (8-Sporozoites)

Description Of Sporozoites (الأبواغ) وصف الحيوانات البوغية

(Vermiform-shape)

(Sporozoites)

(Sporocyst residuum)

. () (Refractile bodies) ()

Sporulation Time زمن التبوغ

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% , (K₂Cr₂O₇)

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Site Of Infection And Pathogenicity مكان الإصابة والأضرار

(Endothelial cells of Intestinal tissues)

(Different endogenous stages)

(Life cycle)

(Developing merozoites)

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(Parasitophorous vacuole)

(Merozoites)

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(Premature

(Mature microgametes)

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(Young oocyst)

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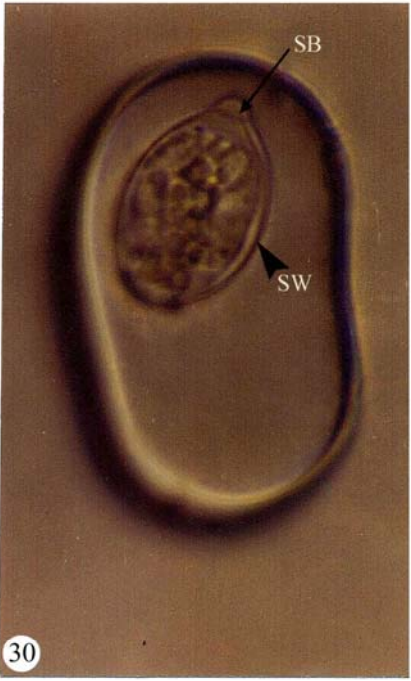
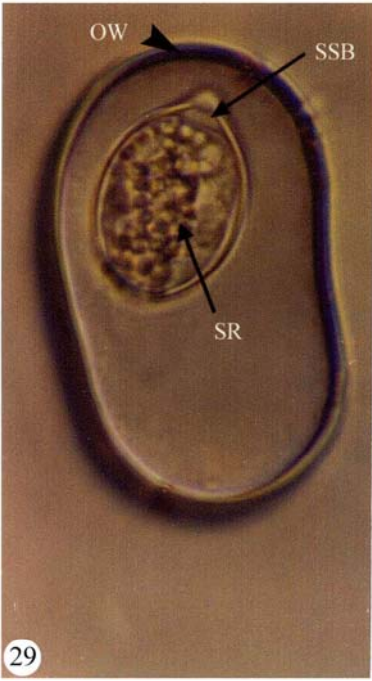
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Caryospora schokariensis (Sporulated oocysts)

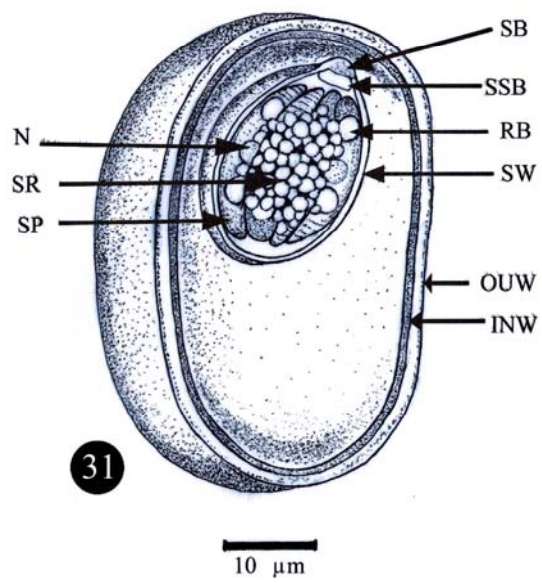
Psammophis schokari sp.n.

.(X1000) *schokari*



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Caryospora schokariensis sp.n.



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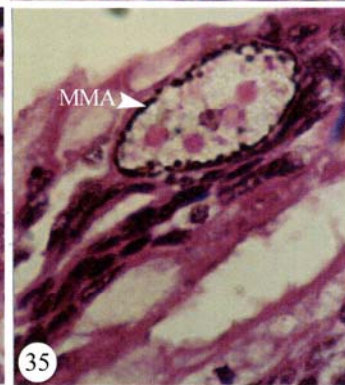
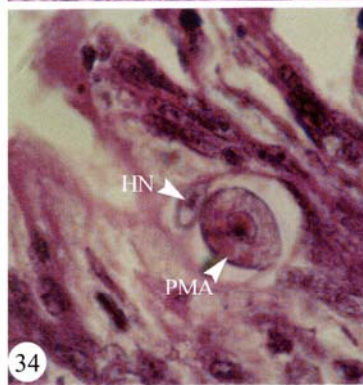
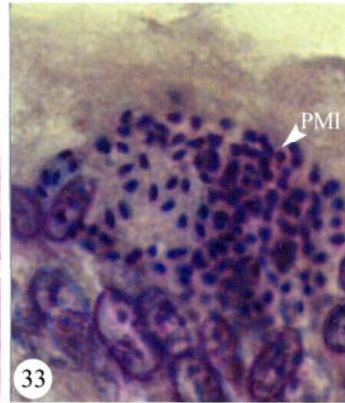
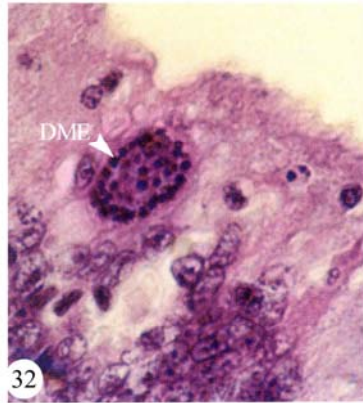
(X1200) . (Young macrogamont)

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(X1200) . (Mature macrogamete)

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(X800) .(Young oocyst)



Caryospora cobrae (Nandi, 1985) -

Naji haji arabica

Caryospora

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Description Of Unsporulated Oocysts وصف الحويصلات البيضية غير المتبوعة

(Redescription)

Caryospora cobrae (Nandi,1985) (Unsporulated oocysts)

(Sphercial to subspherical)

(Smooth bilayered wall)

(Inner wall)

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(Outer wall)

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(Shape

, index)

(Oocyst residuum)

(Micropyle)

Polar

(Micropyle cap)

(granules)

Description Of Sporulated Oocysts وصف الحويصلات البيضية المتبوعة

(Sporoluted oocyst)

(Perform-shape)

(1-Sporocyst)

(Smooth unilayered wall)

, - , (Sporocysts) ()

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(Stieda body)

(Substieda body)

.(8-Sporozoites)

Description Of Sporozoites (الأبواغ) وصف الحيوانات البوغية

(Sausage – shape)

(Sporozoites)

(Sporocyst residuum)

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. () (Refractile bodies)

Sporulation Time زمن التبوغ

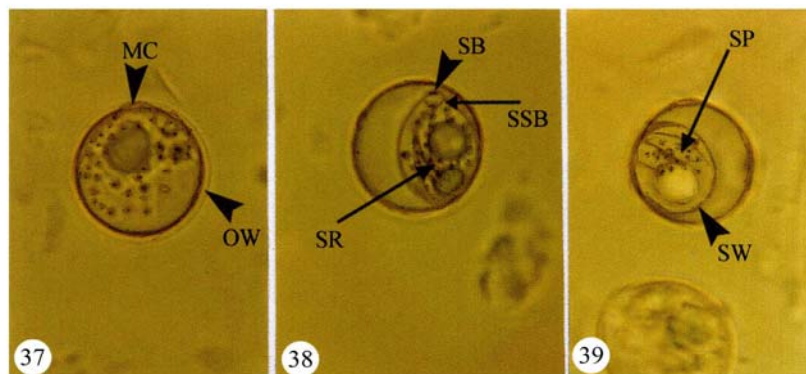
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Caryospora cobrae

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Caryospora : ()
Naji haji *cobrae*
(X1000) *arabica*



***Eimeria* (Schneider1875)** -

Cerastes cerastes gasperetti

Eimeria

(Gall bladder)

Eimeria gasperetti sp.n.

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***Eimeria gasperetti* sp.n.**

Description Of Unsporulated Oocysts وصف الحويصلات البيضية غير المتبوعة

Eimeria gasperetti sp.n. (Unsporulated oocysts)

(Ellipsoidal- shape)

(Smooth bilayered wall)

(Inner wall)

(Outer wall)

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. , (Shape index)

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(Micropyle)

(Polar granule)

(Oocyst residuum)

(Exogenous stages)

() (Fresh unsporulated oocyst)

() (Sporoplast)

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() (4 - Sporoplasts)

(Sporocysts)

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Description Of Sporulated Oocysts وصف الحويصلات البيضوية المتبوعة

(Sporulated oocyst)

Ellipsoidal-)

(4-Sporocyst)

(Unilayered wall)

(shape

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(Sporocysts)

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(Stieda body)

(Sporocyst residuum)

(Sporozoites)

.(2-Sporozoites)

Description Of Sporozoites وصف الحيوانات البوغية

(Vermiform-shape)

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. (Sporocyst residuum)

Sporulation Time زمن التبوغ

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Eimeria gasperetti sp.n. , ($K_2Cr_2O_7$)

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Site Of Infection And Pathogenicity مكان الإصابة والأضرار

(Gall bladder)

(Endothelial cells of Gall bladder tissues)

Different stages)

(Life cycle)

(endogenous

() (Trophozoites)

(Young schizont)

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(Parasitophorous vacuole)

() (Mature schizont)

(Merozoites)

(Merozoites)

(Macrogamont)

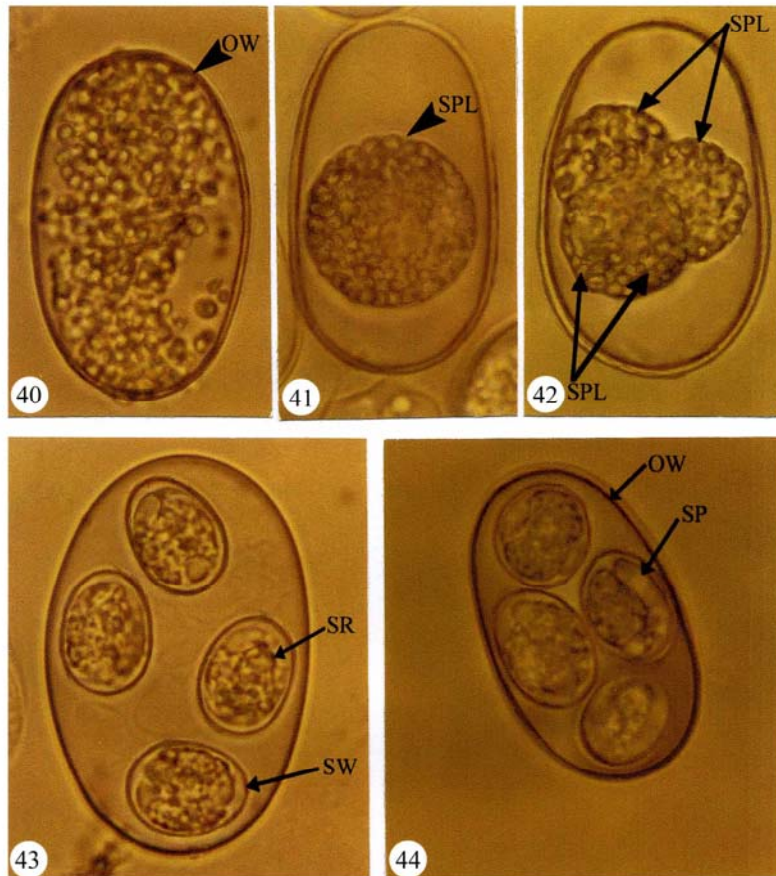
(Microgamont)

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Mature)	
Mature)	(microgametes
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	()
(Young oocyst)	
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	(Ellipsoidal- shape)

gasperetti sp.n. () : (-)
Cerastes cerastes Eimeria
(X1000). gasperetti

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Eimeria gasperetti sp.n.

(X1000). *Cerastes cerastes gasperetti*

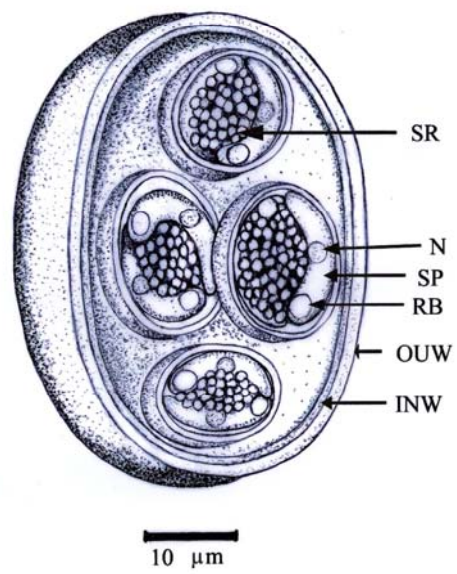


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Eimeria gasperetti sp.n

. *Cerastes cerastes gasperetti*

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gasperetti sp.n.

Cerastes cerastes

Eimeria
gasperetti

(Trophozoite)

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(Young schizont)

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(X1400) .

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(X1200) .

(Premature microgamont)

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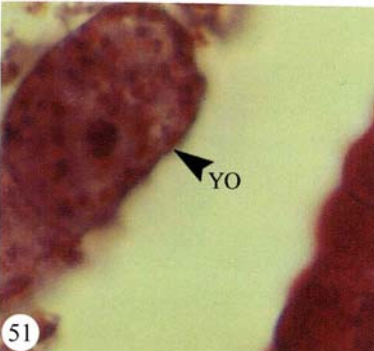
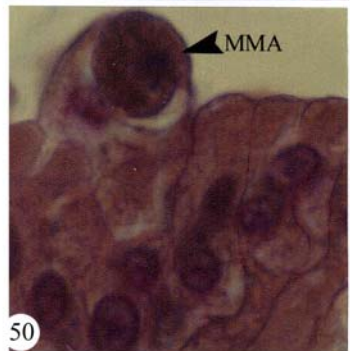
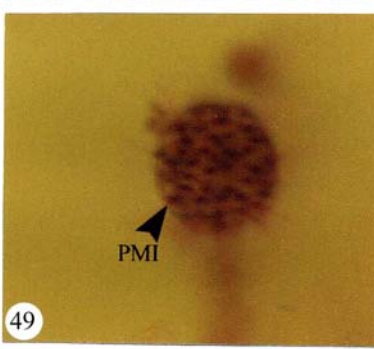
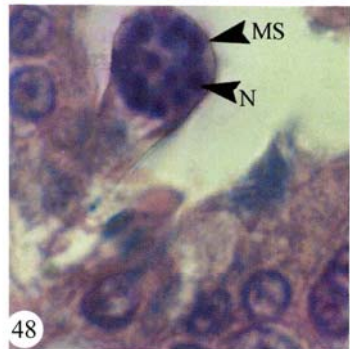
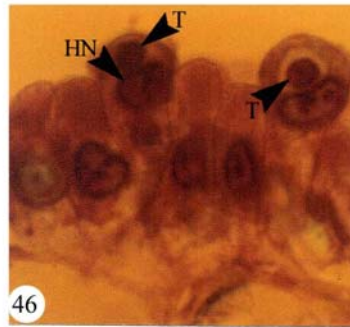
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(Mature macrogamont)

(X1200)

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(X800) .(Young oocyst)



Sarcocystis (Lankester, 1882) -

(Sporocysts)

Sarcocystis (Sporozoites)

Cerastes cerastes gasperetti

Bitis areitans areitans

(Unsporulated oocysts)

(Sporulation time)

(Two hosts at least) *Sarcocystis*

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Meriones

labicus

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Sarcocystis (Sporocysts)

(Sporocysts)

(Matuschka *et al.*, 1987 ; Abdel-Ghaffar *et al.*,1990)

(Cysts)

(Häfnar and Matuschka,1984; Matuschka,1988; Matuschka and Bannert,1989; Matuschka & Häfnar,1984; Matuschka *et al.*, 1987).

Sarcocystis

Sarcocystis

Sarcocystis sp.1

Sarcocystis sp.1

Bitis areitans areitans

(Sporocysts)

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Description Of Sporulated Oocysts وصف الحويصلات البيضية المتبوعة

Sarcocystis

) (4- Sporozoites)

Bitis

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(Ellipsoidal-shape)

areitans areitans

(Smooth unilayered wall)

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(Stieda bodies)

(Sporocyst residuum)

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Description Of Sporozoites وصف الحيوانات البوغية

(Banana – shape)

(Sporozoites)

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(Refractile bodies)()

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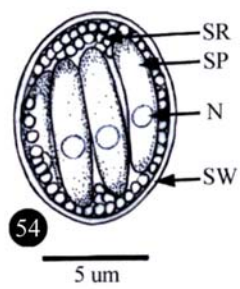
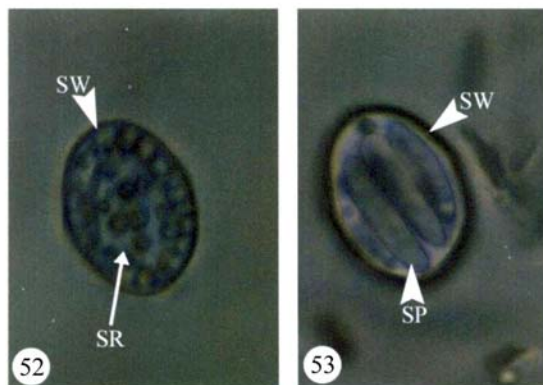
Sarcocystis sp. : ()
(X1200) *Bitis areitans areitans* (Sporocyst)

(Sporocyst)

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Sarcocystis sp

. *Bitis areitans areitans*



Sarcocystis sp. 11

Sarcocystis sp.11

Cerastes cerestes gasperetti

(Sporocysts)

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Description Of Sporulated Oocysts وصف الحويصلات البيضية المتبوعة

Sarcocystis

(Sporocyst)

(4- Sporozoites)

(Ellipsoidal–shape)

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \quad , \quad \text{(Smooth unilayered wall)}$$

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(Sporocyst

.() (Stieda body) residuum)

Description Of Sporozoites وصف الحيوانات البوغية

() (Sausage – shape) (Sporozoites)

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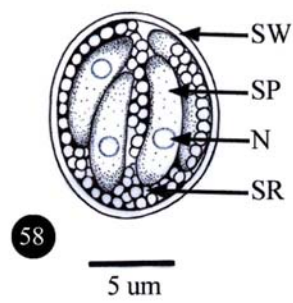
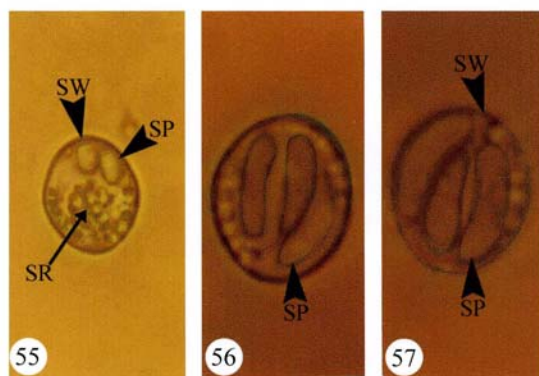
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(Refractile bodies) ()

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Sarcocystis 1 (Sporocyst)
Cerastes cerastes *sp*
(X1200) *gasperetti*

(Sporocyst) ()
Sarcocystis sp 11
. *Cerastes cerastes gasperetti*



Discussion المناقشة

(*Sarcocystis* *Eimeria* *Caryospora*)

Cerastes cerastes gasperetti

Sarcocystis

Eimeria

Caryospora

٪ *Sarcocystis* *Bitis arietans arietans*

Caryospora *Eimeria*

Echis carinatus carinatus

Caryospora

Sarcocystis *Eimeria*

Caryospora *Naji haji arabica*

Eimeria *Sarcocystis*

Psammophis schokari schokari

Caryospora

Sarcocystis *Eimeria*

Walterinnesia aegyptia

Echis coloratus

Lytorhynchus diadema

Eryx jayakari

Malplon moilensis

Spalerosophis diadema cliffordi

Caryospora (Leger, 1904) -

- الطفيل الكوكسيدي (Modry et al.,1999) *Caryospora maxima*

Psammophis schokari schokari

Echis carinatus carinatus

. *Caryospora*

- ثعبان أبو السيور الرملی *Psammophis schokari schokari*

Psammophis schokari schokari

Caryospora

Caryospora

Family: Colubridae

. Genus: *Psammophis*

(Hoare, 1933; Matubayasi, 1936, 1937; Carini, 1939 ; Bray, 1960 ,
1964 ; Mandal, 1976 ; Matuschka, 1982, 1984a, b, 1986a,b ; Lindsay *et al.*, 1988 ; Lainson *et al.*, 1991; Upton *et al.*, 1992, 1994; Telford, 1997 ;
Modry,1998 ; Modry *et al.*,1999).

Caryospora

(Modry *et al .*,1999)

Caryospora maxima

Psammophis schokari schokari

(Modry *et al .*,1999)

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(Sporaluted oocyst)

(Sporocyst)

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(Sporalution time)

(Modry *et al .*,1999)

(Polar granule)

(Sporulated oocyst)

Psammophis schokari schokari

Histological study

Caryospora maxima

Psammophis schokari schokari

(Endothelial cells of Intestinal tissues)

(Microgametes)

(Modry *et al* .,1999)

(Macrogametes)

(Endogenous stages)

(Trophozoites)

() (Host cell)

() (Multinuclear schizont)

(-) (Merozoites)

(Young microgamont)

() (Mature microgametes)

(Premature macrogamont)

() (Mature macrogametes)

(Young oocysts)

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. *Caryospora*

(Bray, 1960 ; Cannon, 1967; Cannon and Rzepczyk, 1974; Matuschka, 1982 ; Upton *et al.*, 1983a,b,c 1984a ,b,c,.d ; Modry *et al.*, 1999).

Caryospora maxima

(Parasitophorous vacuole)

(Beyer, 1977; Smith *et al.*, 1994; Al-Sadoon *et al.*, 1999)

Echis carinatus carinatus -

Caryospora maxima

Echis carinatus carinatus

(New host) [°]

(Modry *et al.*, 1999)

Echis carinatus carinatus

Caryospora

Family : Viperidae

(Lager, 1904, 1911; Carini ,1939; Wacha and Christansen., 1981, 1982a,b ; Hoge, 1991; Upton *et al.*, 1990, 1993 ; Modry *et al.*,1997) .

Caryospora maxima (Modry *et al.*, 1999)

Caryospora maxima

Psammophis schokari schokari

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**Redescription of *Caryospora maxima* (Modry *et al.*,1999) (Apicomplexa : Eimeriidae) from
Echis carinatus carinatus (Shinder,1801) in Saudi Arabia .**

(Modry *et al.*, 1999)

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Species of <i>Caryospora</i>	Oocyst					Sporocyst				Sporozoite shape	Locality
	Size (m)	Shape	Oocyst wall	Micro- pyle	Residuum	Size (m)	Shape	Stieda body	Residuum		
<i>C. maxima</i> (Modry et al., 1999)	43 (40-46) X 42.1 (40-44)	Spherical to sub spherical	Smooth , brownish	-	-	21.8 (21-22 .6) X 16.3 (16-17)	Ellipsoidal	+	+	Elongate	Jordon
<i>C. maxima</i> (present)	42.4 (41.1-43) X 42.2 (40-43.2)	Spherical to sub spherical	Smooth, brownish	-	-	22.1 (22.8-2 3) X 16.8 (16.1-17.2)	Ellipsoidal	+	+	Elongate	Saudi Arabia

+ = present

- = absent

Caryospora schokariensis sp.n. الطفيل الكوكسيدي -

Psammophis schokari schokari

Caryospora

Caryospora

Genus: *Psammophis*

-: *Psammophis sibilans phillipsi*

(*C. legeri* Hoare, 1933; *C. hermae* Bray, 1960 ; *C. psammophi* Bray, 1960, *C. weyeræ* Bray, 1960).

Psammophis schokari schokari

(*C. maxima* Modry *et al.*, 1999)

Caryospora

(Sporulated oocysts)

(Sporozoites)

(Sporocysts)

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(Spherical to subspherical)

(Elongate- ellipsoidal shape)

Caryospora maxima

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Caryospora

Caryospora schokariensis sp.n

.Psammophis schokari schokari

Histological study

Caryospora schokariensis sp.n

(Endothelial cells of Intestinal tissues)

Psammophis schokari schokari

(Endogenous stages(

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(Developing merozoites)

(Parasitophorous vacuole)

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(Premature microgamont)

(Mature microgametes)

(Premature macrogamont)

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(Mature macrogametes)

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(Young oocyst)

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(Elongate- ellipsoidal shape)

ملاحظة :- تم إعداد وأرسال هذه النتائج للنشر في مجلة الجمعية السعودية لعلوم الحياة Saudi Journal of Biology
Sciences بعنوان :-

Caryospora schokariensis sp.n (Apicomplexa :Eimeriidae) from Forskal's sand snake
Psammophis schokari in Saudi Arabia .

*Psammophis**Caryospora*

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Species of <i>Caryospora</i>	Oocyst					Sporocyst			Sprozoite, shape	Locality	Authors
	Size (m)	Shape	Oocyst wall	Micro- pyle	Residuum	Size (m)	Stieda body	Residuum			
<i>C.legeri</i>	(20.8-30.4) X (19.2-25.6)	Spherical to Ovoid	Thick ,grey	+	—	(16.4-19.2) X (11.2-13.6)	+	Large, Deffuse	No data	Uganda	Hoare,1933
<i>C.hermae</i>	22.3(21-24) X 20.6(20-22)	Spherical to sub spherical	Smooth , colourless	—	—	16.5 X 12.6	+	Deffuse	No data	Liberia	Bray,1960
<i>C.psammophi</i>	29.1(25-34) X 26.8(23-31)	Spherical to sub spherical	Yellow , Pitted	—	—	20.8(19-23) X 14.5(13-16)	+	Deffuse	No data	Liberia	Bray,1960
<i>C.weyerae</i>	16.1(14-18) X 14.9(13-17)	Spherical to sub spherical	colourless	—	—	12-14 X 9-11	+	Very deffuse	No data	Liberia	Bray,1960
<i>C.maxima</i>	43(40-46) X 42.1(40-44)	Spherical to sub spherical	Smooth , brownish	—	—	22.1 (22.8-23.3) X 16.3(16.1-17.2)	+	Deffuse	Elongate	Jordan	Modry <i>et al.</i> , 1999
<i>C.shokariensis</i>	49.4(44.1-52.2) X 33.5(32-37.4)	Ellongate - Ellipsoidal	Smooth , brownish	—	—	21.8(21.2-22.6) X 15.1(14.5-16.4)	+	Deffuse, Small	Vermiform	Saudi Arabia	This work

+ = present

- = absent

Caryospora cobrae (Nandi, 1985) الطفيل الكوكسيدي -

Naji haji arabica

Caryospora

Family : Elapidae -:

(*C .demansiae* Cannon,1967; *C .najai* Matuschka,1982; *C. cobrae* Nandi.1985 ; *C. micruri* Lainson and *C. constanciae* Lainson *et al* .,1991)

(Nandi,1985)

Naji haji

C.cobrae

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(Nandi,1985)

C.cobrae

(Sporulated oocyst)

(Sporocyst)

(Sporulation time)

(Nandi,1985)

Naji haji arabica

C.cobrae

(New host)

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ملاحظة : يستعد الباحث لنشر هذه النتائج في أحد المجلات العلمية المتخصصة بعنوان :-

**Redescription of *Caryospora cobrae* (Nandi, 1985) (Apicomplexa :Eimeriidae)
from *Naji hai arabica* (Scortecci ,1932) in Saudi Arabia**

(Nandi,1985)

C.cobrae

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Species of <i>Caryospora</i>	Oocyst					Sporocyst				Sporozoite shape	Locality
	Size (m)	Shape	Oocyst wall	Micro- pyle	Residium	Size (m)	Shape	Stieda body	Residium		
<i>C. cobrae</i> (.Nandi,1985)	18.5 (16.5-19.5) X 17.2 (16.5-18)	Spherical to sub spherical	Smooth	+	-	14.5 (12-16.5) X 11.8 (9-12.8)	Pearform	-	+	Sausage	India
<i>C. cobrae</i> (present)	17.5 (16.5-19) X 16.5 (16-18)	Spherical to sub spherical	Smooth	+	-	12 (11.5-14) X 10.5 (9.5-12)	Pearform	-	+	Sausage	Saudi Arabia

+ = present

- = absent

ثانيا- الطفيليات من جنس الأيميريا (Schneider1875) *Eimeria*

Eimeria gasperetti sp.n. -الطفيل الكوكسيدي

Cerastes cerastes gasperetti

Eimeria

Eimeria .() .

(Chatton, 1912; Phisalix, 1921; Pinto, 1928; Fantham, 1932 ; Fantham and Porter ,1950,1954 ; Carini, 1934 ; Prasad, 1963 ; Bray , 1964 ; Vetterling and Widmar, 1968 ; Wacha and Christansen, 1974; Duszynski *et al.*, 1977 ; McAllister and Upton ,1989; McAllister *et al.*, 1990 ; Upton *et al.*,1990,1992).

Eimeria

Family : Viperidae

(Chatton, 1912; Phisalix, 1921; Pinto, 1928; Fantham, 1932; Bray, 1964; Vetterling and Widmar., 1968 ; Duszynski *et al.*, 1977; Modry, 1998) .

-: *Cerastes*

(*E.cerastes* Chatton,1912)

(*E. phisalixae* Vertterling&Widmar ,1968)

Cerastes

(Sporocysts)

(Sporulated oocysts)

. () (Sporozoites)

Eimeria

Eimeria gasperetti sp.n.

. *Cerastes cerastes gasperetti*

Histological study

Exogenous stages

(Exogenous stages)

Eimeria gasperetti sp.n.

(Sporoplast)

() (Fresh unsporulated oocyst)

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() (4 - Sporoplast)

(Sporocysts)

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Endogenous stages _____ -

(Gall bladder)

(Endothelial cells of Gall bladder tissues)

(Endogenous stages)

(Life cycle)

(Trophozoites)

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(Young schizont)

(Parasitophorous vacuole)

()

() (Mature schizont)

() (Premature microgamont)

(Mature macrogametes)

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غدة (Young oocyst)

(Ellipsoidal -shape)

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Eimeria

(Prasad,1963 Bray, 1964; Vetterling *et al.*, 1968 ; Duszynski *et al.*, 1977; McAllister *et al.*, 1990; Upton *et al.*,1991 ,1992 and 1993).

ملاحظة :- تم إعداد هذه النتائج للنشر في إحدى المجلات العلمية بعنوان :-

Eimeria gasperetti sp.n (Apicomplexa :Eimeriidae) from *Cerastes cerastes gasperetti* (Levtion& Anderson ,1967) in Saudi Arabia .

Eimeria

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Species of <i>Eimeria</i>	Author	Site of infection	Oocyst				Sporocyst				Sporozoite
			Size (m)	Shape	Micropyle	Resduum	Size (m)	Shape	Stieda body	Residuum	Size (m)
<i>E. aesculapi</i>	Carini, 1933	Int. cont.	15x13	Ellip	-	-	6x4	Ellip	-	+	No data
<i>E. amarali</i>	Pinto, 1926	Feces	27-34x17-19	Ellip	-	-	8.5-9 dia.	Sph	-	+	5x2
<i>E. arnaldoi</i>	Pinto and Maciel, 1929	Gallbladder	30x14-15	Ellip	-	-	8 dia.	Sph	-	+	No data
<i>E. bitis</i>	Fantham, 1932	Gallbladder	27-37-17-25	Ellip	No data	No data	6.5-11.4	Sph	-	+	10-12x2-3
	Fantham and Porter, 1954	Bile ducts, gullbladder	No data	No data	No data	No data	(8.5) dia. No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
<i>E. boae</i>	Prasad, 1963	Feces	24-27x20-23 (25.5x21.5)	Ovoid	No data	-	10-13x7.5-9	Ovoid	+	+	7.5x3
<i>E. cerastis</i>	(Chatton, 1912) Phisalix, 1921	Gallbladder, Bile ducts	40x20	Ellip	-	-	12x6	Ellip	-	+	(long)
<i>E. coelopeltis</i>	(Galli-Vallerio, 1926)	Gallbladder	21-25x15-18	Ellip	No data	No data	10 dia.	Sph	No data	No data	No data
	Hoare, 1933	Int. cont.	10.5x6	Ovoid	+	No data	6x1.5	Ovoid	No data	No data	No data
<i>E. crotali</i>	Phiaalix, 1919a, b	Gallbladder, Bile ducts	32x22	Ellip	No data	No data	10 dia.	Sph	+	+	No data
<i>E. cystisfelleae</i>	Debaislieux, 1914	Gallbladder, Bile ducts	30-35x18-23	Ellip	-	-	No data	Sph	-	+	No data
	Phisalix, 1921	Liver	17-32x10-20	No data	No data	No data	7-11 dia.	Sph	No data	No data	4-11x2-1
	Guyenot et al., 1922	Gallbladder, Bile ducts	30-35x18-23	Ellip	-	-	9-11x7-8	Ovoid	-	+	10x2.5
<i>E. jaegeri</i>	Carini, 1933	Int. cont.	16-18 dia.	Subaph	-	-	12x4-5	Ellip	+	-	No data
<i>E. mikanii</i>	Prasad, 1963	Feces	16.5-19.5 dia	Subaph	-	-	10-12x3-5	Ellip	-	-	10.5x1.5-3
<i>E. najae</i>	Carini, 1933	Int. cont.	26-29x18-20	Ellip	-	-	11x6	Ovoid	-	+	No data
	Ray and Das Gupta, 1936b	Feces	18-28x18-21	Ellip	No data	-	14.6x6	Spind	-	+	No data
<i>E. ondinae</i>	Ray and Das Gupta, 1937	Small int.	23-27x16-18	Ellip	-	+	12.1x6.8	Spind	No data	No data	No data
<i>E. persica</i>	Carini, 1939	Int. cont.	20-22 dia.	Sph	-	+	12-13x6.5	Ovoid	No data	+	No data
<i>E. piscatori</i>	(Phiaalix, 1925)	Gallbladder	27-32x12-17	Ellip	No data	-	10.5x8.5	Ellip	-	+	No data
<i>E. poecilogyri</i>	Ray and Das Gupta, 1936a	Rectum, feces	29-31x22-25	No data	No data	+	14x4-6	Spind	-	-	10.5x2.11
<i>E. ptyas</i>	Carini, 1933	Int. cont.	15-16 dia.	Sph	-	-	10x6	Ellip	No data	No data	No data
<i>E. pythonis</i>	Triffitt, 1925	Feces	33-35x24-26	Ovoid	-	+	10.5x12 dia.	Sph	+	+	No data
	Prasad, 1963	Feces	17-36x11-21	Ellip	+	+	6-14x4.5-9	Ovoid	-	+	7.5x4.5
<i>E. stolatae</i>	Ray and Das Gupta, 1938	Feces	27-41x15-24	Ovoid	+	-	10-15x6-10	Ovoid	+	+	5.8-12.6
<i>E. tropidonoti</i>	Guyenot et al., 1922	Small int.	20.5 dia.	Sph	-	-	12.3x6.2	Ovoid	-	+	No data
<i>E. xamenis</i>	Phisalix, 1921	Small int.	22-24 x 12-14	Ovoid	-	-	16-18x7-8	Ovoid	-	+	8.3-2
	Roudabush, 1937	Bile	28-30 x 15-18	Ellip	No data	No data	10 dia.	Sph	-	+	12-14x?
		Gallbladder	30-36 x 20-16	Ellip	-	+	8-12x7-10	Subaph	No data	+	19x4-5
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+ = present

- = absent

Cerastes

Eimeria

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Species of <i>Eimeria</i>	Author	Locality	Oocyst				Sporocyst				Sporozoite
			Size (m)	Shape	Micropyle	Resdum	Size (m)	Shape	Stieda body	Residium	Size (m)
<i>E. cerastis</i>	Chatton, 1912	Algeria	40 X 20	Ellongat- ellpsoidal	-	-	12 X 16	Ellipsoidal	-	+	Long
<i>E.phisalixae</i>	Phisalix, 1921; Vrtterling and Widmar,1968	Paris Zoo	21-25 X 15-18	Ellipsoidal	-	-	10	Spherical	-	+	No data
* <i>E.gasperetti</i>	This work	Saudi Arabia	38.8 (27-41) X 25.5 (17.2-28.4)	Elliposidal	-	-	13.8 (11-14.5) X 9.6 (8-10.3)	Ellipsoidal	-	+	9.6 (9.3-11.5) X 4.3 (2.7-5.6)

+ = present

- = absent

Note: Site of infection in all of this Snakes are in Gall bladder & Blie ducts

ثالثاً- طفيليات جنس الساركوسيسيتس (*Sarcocystis* (Lankester, 1882)

(Levine & Tadors, 1980)

Sarcosystis ()

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Sarcosystis

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(Two hosts at least)

Sarcocystis

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(Agamogony)

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(Herbivorous)

Sarcocystis sp. 1 -

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Sarcocystis

(Final host)

(Reptiles)

Sarcocystis

Sarcocystis

(Intermediate host)

(Reptiles)

. Family: Viperidae

(Entzeroth *et al.*, 1983; Matuschka and Häfnar, 1984; Häfnar and Matuschka, 1984 ; Matuschka *et al.*, 1987; Jakel, 1995).

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Sarcocystis

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Sarcocystis dirmpens

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(*Mastomys natalensis Mus musculus perpallidus*

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(Matuschka *et al.*,1987)

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Sarcocystis sp. 11 -

Cerastes cerastes

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Sarcocystis

Sarcocystis

Family: Viperidae

(Entzeroth *et al.*, 1983; Matuschka and Häfner, 1984; Häfner and Matuschka, 1984; Matuschka *et al.*, 1987; Jakel, 1995).

Sarcocystis

Cerastes

Echis *Viper*

Family: Viperidae

(Matuschka *et al.*, 1987)

(life- cycle)

Sarcocystis

Sarcocystis muriviper

Viper

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(*palestianae*)

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Sarcocystis muriviper

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(Jakel,1995)

(life- cycle)

Sarcocystis

Sarcocystis gerbilliechis

(*Echis coloratus*)

(*Gerbillus gerbillus* *Gerbillus perpallidus*)

(Sporocysts)

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Meriones labicus

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الخلاصة باللغة العربية
Arabic Abstract

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Caryospora (Leger, 1904) :

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Caryospora maxima (Modry *et al* ., 1999) -

Psammophis schokari schokari

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Caryospora schokariensis sp.n.

Psammophis schokari schokari

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Caryospora cobrae (Nandi, 1985)-

Naji haji

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Naji haji arabica

Eimeria (Schneider, 1875) :

Eimeria gasperetti sp.n.

. *Cerastes cerastes gasperetti*

Sarcocystis (Lankester, 1882) :

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Sarcocystis sp. I -١

Bitis areitans areitans

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Sarcocystis sp. II

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Cerastes cerastes gasperetti

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الخلاصة باللغة الإنكليزية

English Abstract

Coccidian parasites has been studied from different species of snakes belonging to four families, Viperidae, Colubridae, Elapidae and Boidae. A total of 201 adult snakes were collected from different regions of Saudi Arabia . All these snakes were examined microscopically for coccidian parasites after concentration by Sheather's sugar flotation method.

Only 17 snakes were found positively infected with coccidian oocysts. Infected snakes were belonging to three families., Viperidae, Colubridae and Elapidae. Three genera of coccidian were infected., *Caryospora* (Leger, 1904), *Eimeria* (Shneider, 1875) and *Sarcocystis* (Lankester, 1882). Oocysts of *Caryospora* were detected from three different species of snakes; *Echis carinatus carinatus*, *Naji haji arabica* and *Psammophis schokare schokari*. Oocysts of *Sarcocystis* were found in two species of snakes., *Cerastes cerastes gasperetti* and *Bitis arietans arietans*. Oocysts of *Eimeria* were found in *Cerastes cerastes gasperetti* which makes it double infected with both Oocysts of *Sarcocystis* and *Eimeria*.

This study revealed four main points:

1. *Eimeria gasperetti* sp.n. is described from the Endothelial cells of Gall bladder tissues of *Cerastes cerastes gasperetti* in Saudi Arabia.
2. *Caryospra schokariensis* sp.n. is described from the endothelial cells of intestina tissues of the sand snake *Psammophis schokari schokari* in Saudi Arabia.
3. *Echis carinatus carinatus* as a new host for the coccidian parasite *Caryospora maxima* in Saudi Arabia.
4. *Caryospora Cobrae* is described from *Naji haji arabica* for the first time in Saudi Arabia.

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